

LA GRANDE RED CROSS CHAPTER WORK IS NEARING COMPLETION

Believing that the crest of Red Cross work has been passed and that the need for constant effort along the lines so essential during the war period has relaxed officers of La Grande Chapter of the American Red Cross who visited the Northwest convention at Seattle last week secured the privilege from headquarters to follow their judgment in closing up the different departments.

Closing the salvage store was endorsed by the head officials and it is the judgment of the local officers of the chapter that the Red Cross canteen work at the railroad station shall cease, with the understanding that an emergency committee be requested to be ready on call to render service to any soldier or sailor who may need such service.

This conclusion is arrived at because of the fact that all troop trains now have well-equipped kitchens and the boys are well fed; that the soldiers who travel through in small numbers have ceased to desire the service that once was so essential.

The canteen will remain in tact and when the La Grande hospital unit arrives home it will run with a full head of steam for the purpose of showing our home boys what La Grande ladies have been doing for the enlisted men during the time such work was needed.

Last Shipment Is In.

In the work rooms at Human hall the final shipment of goods is in from headquarters and as soon as that is made into garments, which will be about May 15th, the work rooms will close. This is of course, on the presumption that affairs in Europe will begin to right themselves and that

military service on that continent will be diminished rather than increased. Should there be an outbreak and the need for immediate work the call will be given throughout this chapter at once to resume work.

There will remain quite a large amount of knitting to be done but it is believed that this can be well handled without maintaining the work room.

The chapter as an organization will remain in tact, for the Red Cross is a permanent part of the nation and will remain so, but the work rooms can be dispensed with, as can the canteen.

Home Service Section Important.

The Home Service section, under Judge J. W. Knowles, is now the most important Red Cross section and will require attention for a long time to come. It is this department that renders all aid possible to the returned soldiers and assists him in every way possible to get back into civil life.

Already the demands have been numerous upon this department and Judge Knowles has appointed a corps of efficient helpers throughout the two counties to take up all phases of the work.

Much Gained from Convention.

Those who attended the Northwest convention at Seattle received much valuable instruction which they have brought back for the rest of the Red Cross workers.

Judge J. W. Knowles and J. H. Pearce, who represented the Home Service section of La Grande chapter, conferred with the heads of the Northwest headquarters and ascertained the proper way to proceed on matters concerning the returned soldiers. One of the most important things they learned was the way the Red Cross obtains information about the boys who fell in battle. A complete system has been arranged so that every detail possible is not only obtained but made a record.

Calvin Dymont, who was Red Cross searcher in France, was present and related many sad stories of the boys who died for the flag. In some cases he got their last words and all conditions surrounding their death. It will be the intention of this section in the La Grande chapter to collect all such information for relatives of the departed boys.

Mrs. Rosenbaum Pleaded With Work. Mrs. E. Rosenbaum, head of the work rooms here, was greatly pleased to know from headquarters officials of the standing of the work of this chapter has. From records displayed it is evident that soft words have not been given to keep up our courage, for the standing is high and work from this chapter stood among the foremost.

Complimentary mention was also given to the manner in which Mrs. W. H. Talbot, secretary of this chapter, kept the records and the promptness with which all correspondence was answered and the business of the chapter in general looked after. The work of the secretary will still be essential, as a degree, at least after the active work in the work rooms has ceased.

Earle Kilpatrick at the Top.

An old La Grande boy, Earle Kilpatrick, is among the best posted and one of the most active of all the Red Cross officials. He was consulted on every subject during the convention. His devotion to the work has brought him to the foreground and it is a great satisfaction to La Grande people to know that Earle, who was not long ago a school "kid" in this city, is among the national Red Cross characters of today.

Death of Corporal Stevens. The following account of the death of Corporal Joseph V. Stevens, was obtained by the Home Service section of La Grande chapter while representatives were in attendance at the convention.

Corporal Joseph V. Stevens, of Machine Gun Battalion, was killed on the 25th day of September, 1918, in a small drive in which there were small

trucks located about 900 meters north of Exmortux, four miles north of Narney, and 23 miles northwest of Verdun. At the time of his death, Corporal Stevens was leading a squad out to mount a machine gun. Death was caused by a high explosive shell, which broke both legs; one leg was badly mangled, so much so, that when first aid was administered, the attendants did not know where to bandage the limb. The other leg was stripped from ankle to knee. Corporal Stevens was also hit in the hands and arms, and had a number of holes in his

blouse. The name of the man who waited on him is Albert Smith, of Elmore, California, who cut off his pack, sent for a stretcher and administered first aid. Smith asked Corporal Stevens how he felt, and he complained of his shoulders and arms being sore. He lived about two hours after receiving the injury.

Frank Comment.

Robert was a great admirer of soldiers and, having attended a military wedding, he was loud in praise. Soon after he was taken to see another wedding where all were in civilian clothes. At the wedding dinner he received a dish of hot cream full of fruit, raisins, etc. He especially liked raisins, so he said in loud tones, "I think this wedding and this ice cream is rotten—no soldiers or nothing."

PORTLAND WANTS ALL TO ATTEND

ROSE FESTIVAL PEOPLE BUSY
WITH UP-STATE PEOPLE

Mayor Baker Invites Mayors of All
the Oregon Towns to Be
Present.

PORTLAND, April 19.—(Special) Mayor Baker has addressed the following letter to the officers of La

Grande, inviting all La Grande to the Rose Festival.

"The Portland Rose Festival association in planning a great Victory Rose Festival June 11, 12 and 13th, has determined to invite all the counties, cities and towns in Oregon to participate with Portland in its big Victory parade.

"This parade will be a review of war work done and will offer each county and city, and town opportunity to present in artistic decorated automobile display before the many thousands who will be here from all parts of the state and the United States, what that community did towards winning the war. It is to be an exposition of 'The Spirit of 1917-18.'"

"Knowing the fine spirit of patriotism manifested in La Grande and Union county the Festival association is holding open a place in its Victory

parade for your city and county and I, as mayor of Portland, want to extend to you an invitation to participate and ask that you name some live, wide-awake citizen capable of seeing that your city and county take their rightful place in this exposition of patriotism. Let the Festival association, 218 Pittock block, Portland, know whom you have named as soon as possible and we will all work together to make this parade a grand event and one long to be remembered."

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Is Sunday, May 11th. It is the day to remember your Mother; to remind her that you have thought especially of her; to acknowledge in some small way the debt you owe to her in consideration of the life she gave you, the love she lavished upon you and the character she helped you acquire.

Your Mother is the only person in this world who, without regard to circumstances, gives you the benefit of every doubt. The time has not come and will not come in your life, from the first moments in the cradle to the last minutes upon the deathbed, when you are not the chief image in the heart of a living Mother.

Wear a white carnation in honor of your Mother if she rests where the ivy grows above her and a pink one if you are still blessed with her presence here on earth. Better still, remember her with a gift that will bring her comfort and joy—a comfortable Rocker or Chair; a Phonograph; a Kitchen Cabinet; or any useful article such as only Mother will appreciate.

There are quite a number of useful as well as comfortable and ornamental articles in our great stock of Furniture, Rugs, Stoves and Phonographs that will appeal to your Mother as a gift from you.

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Perhaps reed furniture may not appeal to Mother as much as would a large, comfortable rocker or chair; or, perhaps, you have already given her one in the past—if you have a problem of this kind to solve, call at our store and let us help you and suggest other equally acceptable and appropriate things.

Music appeals to all Mothers, old and young, and nothing would please her more than a Brunswick or a Victrola, or some of the records of the songs of olden days.

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